

THE ANNUAL KATHMANDU CONFERENCE ON

NEPAL & THE HIMALAYA

27-29 July 2022

**Social Science Baha, Association for Nepal and Himalayan
Studies, Britain–Nepal Academic Council, Centre for Himalayan
Studies–CNRS & Nepal Academic Network (Japan)**

SCHEDULE

(All times are in Nepal time)

Hotel Shanker, Lazimpat, Kathmandu

Opening Remarks

Nirmal Man Tuladhar
Chair, Social Science Baha

HALL A**Panel A1****EARTHQUAKE AND THE PANDEMIC: MULTIPLICITY OF IMPACTS***Chair*

Komal Prasad Phuyal
Lecturer in English, Central Department of English, Tribhuvan University

Discussant

Sangita Thebe Limbu
PhD Candidate, University College London

Tracy Fehr

PhD Candidate,
University of Colorado Boulder

The Multiplicity of Widowhood in Post-Earthquake Nepal: An Intersectional Analysis of Lived Experiences

Pankaj Pokhrel

Research Associate, Inter-Disciplinary
Analysts, Kathmandu

COVID-19's Political Economy and Agricultural Households: Examining the Impacts and the Inter-Linkages

Shreezal G.C.

Research Associate, Inter-Disciplinary
Analysts, Kathmandu

Sudhindra Sharma

Executive Director, Inter-Disciplinary
Analysts, Kathmandu

Kumar Prasad Aryal

Research Associate,
Social Science Baha

Inequality in Earthquake Reconstruction: An Ethnographic Account of Peri-Urban Locality in the Northern Part of Kathmandu

TEA/COFFEE BREAK: 11–11:30 am

Poster Presentation

Rose Schwietz

Fulbright US Student Research Nepal;
affiliated with One World Theatre and
Actor's Studio Nepal

Trance-Dance & Actor-Gods: From

**Himalayan Storytelling to Contemporary
Nepali Theatre**

The poster presentation will be on display on each day of the conference during
tea/coffee and lunch breaks.

Day 1: 27 July (Wednesday)

SESSION 2: 11:30 am–1:30 pm

HALL A

HALL B

Panel A2

Panel B1

LABOURING IN THE HIMALAYA

SCALES OF GOVERNANCE

Chair

Jigme Yeshe Lama

Assistant Professor, Department of
Political Science, University of Calcutta

Chair

Bimla Kumari Gurung

Lecturer, Morgan International College,
Basundhara, Kathmandu

Discussant

Pasang Yangjee Sherpa

Assistant Professor, Department of
Asian Studies, University of British
Columbia

Discussant

Pranab Kharel

Member, Martin Chautari

Ritu Mangar

Senior Research
Fellow, Centre
for Himalayan
Studies,
University of
North Bengal

Urban Married

**Women in Service
Sectors of
Darjeeling Hills:
Gender Dynamics
in Their Everyday
Family Lives**

Subodh Chandra Bharti

PhD Research
Scholar,
Jawaharlal
Nehru
University

**Problems of Nation-
Building and Identity
Politics in Nepal**

Nirvan Pradhan

PhD Candidate,
Jawaharlal Nehru
University

**Detritus: On the
Decay and
Afterlives of
Abandoned Tea
Plantations in**

Kshitij Sharma

PhD Candidate,
Department of
Political Science,

**Growing Urban
Waste in Himalayan
Cities: Trends and
Impact in Urban**

	Darjeeling, West Bengal	Panjab University	Local Bodies of Himachal Pradesh
Ambika Rai PhD Research Scholar, University of North Bengal	Looking at 'Circulation of Labour' in the Eastern Himalayas: A Study of Bharias (Head Porters) in Darjeeling Hills	Rajendra Sharma Research Associate, Social Science Baha	Nepal's National Security Council and National Security Policy: Internal and Geopolitical Sensitivities
LUNCH BREAK: 1:30–2:30 pm			

Day 1: 27 July (Wednesday)		SESSION 3: 2:30–4:30 pm	
Panel A3 HERITAGE AS PLACEMAKING: POLITICS OF ERASURE AND SOLIDARITY		Panel B2 YOUTH DELIBERATION ON POST- FEDERALISM AND POLITICAL CULTURE NEPAL	
<i>Chair</i> Tom Robertson Kathmandu University <i>Discussant</i> Prem Phyak Assistant Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong		<i>Chair</i> Bijaya Raj Poudel Director, Hands-On Institute <i>Discussant</i> Dan Hirsland External Researcher, University of Copenhagen	
Binita Magaiya Conservation Architect, Kasthamandap Reconstruction Committee	'Baakhan Nyane Waa': Local Heritage Documentation for the Future	Thomas O'Neill Professor, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Brock University, Canada	Chalphal—Youth Deliberation on Post-federalism and Political Culture Nepal
Alina Tamrakar Co-founder, Baakhan Nyane Waa		Brabim Kumar KC Ex-Communications	
Rija Joshi			

<p>Urban Planner</p> <p>Shristina Shrestha Conservation Architect</p> <p>Stefanie Lotter Principal Investigator, 'Heritage as Placemaking: The Politics of Solidarity and Erasure in South Asia', SOAS University of London</p>	<p>Advisor, UNDP–UNESP</p> <p>Kalawati Rai Economic Inclusion Coordinator, Rural Enterprises and Remittances Project</p> <p>Kanchan Jha Founder, Sano Paila, Birgunj</p> <p>Pradip Pariyar Executive Chairperson, Samata Foundation, Kathmandu</p>
<p>Monalisa Maharjan Post-Doctoral Scholar, Social Science Baha</p> <p>Sabin Ninglekhu Principal Investigator, 'Heritage as Placemaking: The Politics of Solidarity and Erasure in South Asia', Social Science Baha</p>	<p>When Are Water Sprouts (Hiti) Part of Basic Needs Provision and When Do They Become Cultural Heritage?</p> <p>Bijaya Raj Poudel Director, Hands-On Institute</p> <p>Samrat Katwal Co-Founder, Hands-On Institute</p>
<p>Sabin Ninglekhu Principal Investigator, 'Heritage as Placemaking: The</p>	<p>Placemaking and Placelessness in Janakpur: 'Saffron City' and the</p>

Politics of Solidarity and Erasure in South Asia', Social Science Baha Monica Mottin Research Fellow, Heidelberg University	Subversive Politics of Mithila Heritage
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Day 2: 28 July (Thursday)		SESSION 4: 9–11 am
HALL A		
Panel A4		
UNDERSTANDING THE COLONIAL PAST		
<i>Chair</i>		
Lokranjan Parajuli		
Senior Researcher, Martin Chautari, Kathmandu		
<i>Discussant</i>		
Sanjay Sharma		
PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore		
Dechen Dolkar Bhutia	Research Scholar, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, SRM University, Sikkim	Empire on High: The Absent People on the Mountains
Anukta Gairola	PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi	Forays of the English East India Company into the Kumaon-Garhwal Belt of the Central Himalayas
Mingma Lhamu Pakhrin	PhD student, Jawaharlal Nehru University	The Beginning of the Making of Darjeeling: 'Threatened Frontier', Settlement and Labour
TEA/COFFEE BREAK: 11–11:30 am		

Panel A5

INTERSECTIONALITY OF WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES*Chair***Pasang Yangjee Sherpa**

Assistant Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia

*Discussant***Tracy Fehr**

PhD Candidate, University of Colorado Boulder

Bimla Kumari GurungLecturer at Morgan International
College, Basundhara, Kathmandu**Decision-Making and Child Care among
Intermarried Couples****Rajya Laxmi Gurung**MPhil (Sociology), Tribhuvan
University**Bargaining with Patriarchy—Woman Quest
for Power and Security within the
Patriarchal Families****Rajya Laxmi Gurung**Senior Researcher,
Dignity without Danger**Intersectional Perspective on Menstrual
Practises in Nepal: Lessons from 'Dignity
Without Danger' Research Project****Lina Baniya**Lecturer (Social Work), Presidential
College, Kathmandu**Madhusudan Subedi**Professor and Chair, Department of
Community Health Sciences, and
Coordinator of School of Public
Health, Patan Academy of Health
Sciences/Central Department of
Sociology, Tribhuvan University**Stefanie Lotter**Senior Research Fellow, SOAS
University of London; Co-Investigator,
'Dignity without Danger'**LUNCH BREAK: 1:30–2:30 pm**

Panel A6

EDUCATION, INCLUSION, AND SOCIETY

*Chair***Madhusudan Subedi**

Professor and Chair of Department of Community Health Sciences, and
Coordinator of School of Public Health, Patan Academy of Health Sciences/Central
Department of Sociology, Tribhuvan University

*Discussant***Anna Hata**

University College London

Ojaswee Bhattarai

Research Fellow, The Open Institute
for Social Science, Lalitpur

Moving Out from Nepal**Shak Bahadur Budhathoki**

Project Coordinator,
Voluntary Services Overseas

**Inclusion and Governance in Education
Committees of Local Governments****Pragya Paneru**

Permanent Lecturer, Nepal
Commerce Campus, Kathmandu

**Gender Internalisation in Initial School
Going Children: A Semiotic Study of Grade
One Children's Response to the Images**

Day 3: 29 July (Friday)

SESSION 7: 9–11 am

HALL A

Panel A7

BLENDING HISTORY AND FICTION

Chair-cum-Discussant

Sabin Ninglekhu

Principal Investigator, 'Heritage as Placemaking: The Politics of Solidarity and Erasure in South Asia', Social Science Baha

Lokranjan Parajuli

Senior Researcher, Martin Chautari

Concocting the Parliament: A Tale of a Momentary Institution

Komal Prasad Phuyal

Lecturer in English, Central
Department of English, Tribhuvan
University

Why Does Fiction Matter? A Tale of the 1960s from Nepali Literature

Ujjwal Prasai

Faculty, Institute of Advanced
Communication, Education and
Research, Kathmandu

The Loneliness of a Nationalist Madhesi

TEA/COFFEE BREAK: 11–11:30 am

Panel A8

RELIGION AND HERITAGE

Chair

Sara Parker

Reader in Development Studies, Liverpool John Moores University

Discussant

Monalisa Maharjan

Post-Doctoral Scholar, Social Science Baha

Vanicka Arora

PhD Candidate, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University

Reconstructing Pasts and Curating Futures in Bhaktapur

Jigme Yeshe Lama

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta

Religious Syncretism in 'Dorjeling'—A Study of the Mahakal Mandir

Naresh Shakya

Lecturer, Lotus Academic College, Kathmandu

Rich Buddhist Heritages in Nubri Valley along Tracks of Manaslu

LUNCH BREAK: 1:30–2:30 pm

Panel A9

CREATIVE DIMENSIONS OF RESEARCH

*Chair***Naresh Shakya**

Lecturer, Lotus Academic College, Kathmandu

*Discussant***Komal Prasad Phuyal**

Lecturer in English, Central Department of English, Tribhuvan University

Shushma Bhatta

Researcher, Dignity without Danger

Creative Visual Outputs Matter: Visualising Menstruation in Nepal**Babu Kaji Shrestha**

Director, Global Action Nepal

Helena Aryal

Curator, Kaalo 101

Sara ParkerReader in Development Studies,
Liverpool John Moores University**Nar Bahadur Saud**PhD Student, University for the
Creative Arts, Farnham, United
Kingdom**Theatre Performance as an Advocacy Tool
for Peacebuilding in Nepal: An Arts-Based
Research Perspective****Anna Stirr**Director, Centre for South Asian
Studies; Associate Professor of Asian
Studies, University of Hawaii Manoa**Embodied Theories of Melody in Nepali
Music: A Case Study from Central Dhading****Mason Brown**Lecturer, University of Colorado
Boulder and Kathmandu University**Lochan Rijal**Head, Department of Music,
Kathmandu University**Closing Remarks**